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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Jason Shumway, Picture Rock Quarry, S/037/099, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 27, 2003  
Time of Inspection: About 12:15 to 12:35 p.m.  
Conditions: Mostly clear, 30's  
Participants: Ted McDougall (BLM) and Paul Baker (DOGM)

#### Purpose of Inspection:

The operator is in the process of completing operations and reclaiming the site, and I wanted to see whether there were any concerns with how reclamation was being done.

#### Observations:

A portion of the site is basically reclaimed except for seedbed preparation and seeding (Photo 1), but the operator is still taking some stone from parts of the site nearest the road (Photos 2 and 4). Part of this area is in something of a depression.

Mr. McDougall explained to me that before this was a quarry, the county used much of the material near the surface for building roads. There was some material scraped to the side (Photo 3).

#### Conclusions and Recommendations:

The part of the site that has been regraded looks good. As the operations wind down, the operator will need to continue grading the site to make it blend with adjacent areas. Unless the Bureau of Land Management decides it would like the existing depression (right side of Photo 4) to remain as a watering structure, the remaining active quarry area should be graded so it has positive drainage leading off the site. Some of the material that was pushed to the side by the county could be used as fill for this area.

I understand the operator is trying to complete reclamation by a May 1 deadline; however, I recommend that the operator complete basic grading this spring then scarify and seed the area in about October. Seeding in the late spring is not likely to be successful. Seeding should follow scarification as soon as possible.

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cc: Ted McDougall (BLM)  
Jason Shumway (operator)

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**ATTACHMENT**

**Inspection Date: March 27, 2003; Report Date: April 10, 2003**

**Photographs**

**S/037/099, Picture Rock Quarry, Jason Shumway**



**Photo 1. Part of the graded area.**



**Photo 3. Material stockpiles at the side of the disturbed area. This material might be used to fill the depression on the right side of Photo 4.**



**Photo 2. Part of the current operations area.**



**Photo 4. Another view of the active quarry area.**